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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination, please amend the claims as indicated below.

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1. (Amended) A method for creating electronic artwork with a hot area, comprising:
for a selected layer of the artwork, identifying a non-transparent region of the layer, calculating a definition of an area corresponding to a boundary of the region, and assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected.

2. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein:
the action is a URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
compositing the layers of the artwork; and
converting the area and the action to a target output format.

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